

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Kotzebue

Kotzebue is a second class city located on the Baldwin Peninsula in Kotzebue Sound, near the discharges of the Kobuk, Noatak and Ssezawick Rivers. It is the service and transportation center for villages in the northwest region. Kotzebue is part of the Northwest Arctic Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 3,126, a gain of about 44 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 70 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Educational and Health Services was the main industry in 2008, employing 30 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other than any other occupation.

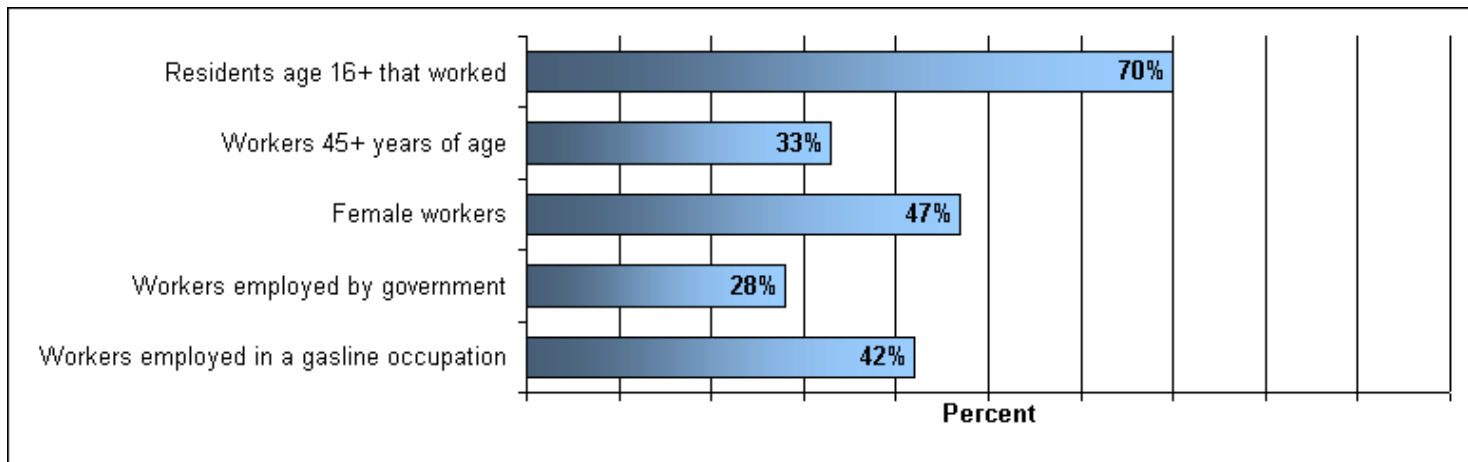
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### Kotzebue Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	2,094	Total wages	\$56,461,949
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	1,473	Private	1,063
Male	776	State government	72
Female	696	Local government	338
Age 45+	492	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	330	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	1,278
		Percent working all 4 quarters	66.4%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	182	Some construction	198
		At least 1 year construction	64
		At least 2 years construction	32
New Hires		Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	1,172
New hires	560		

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## 2008 Residents

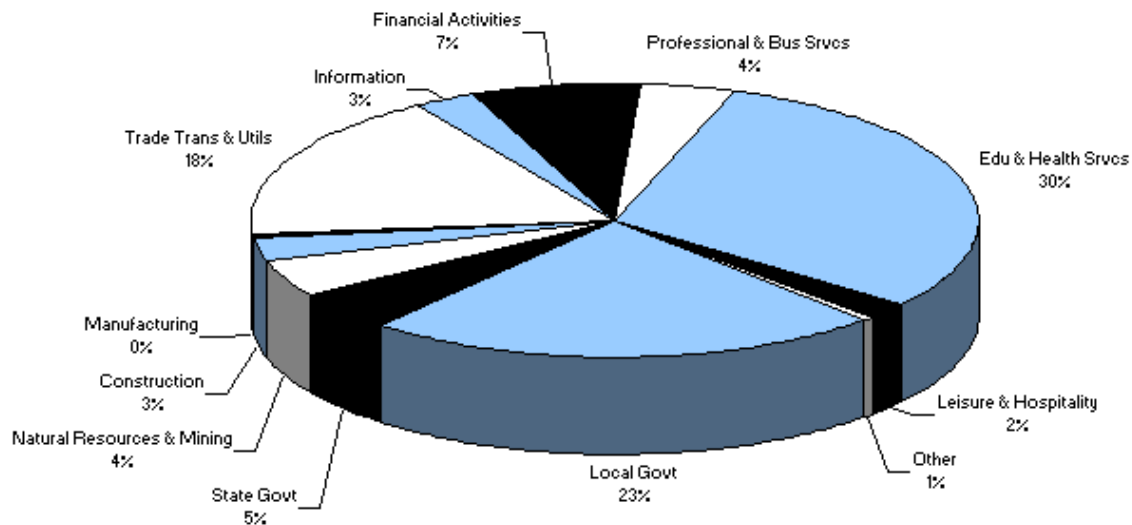


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	70	84.3%	17	11
Retail Salespersons	59	40.7%	6	5
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	54	14.8%	19	15
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	54	9.3%	6	2
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	42	47.6%	15	11
Teacher Assistants	41	75.6%	21	15
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers <b>AGIA</b>	39	7.7%	2	1
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	32	0.0%	20	16
Child Care Workers	32	93.8%	2	0
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	31	19.4%	11	9
Cashiers	29	79.3%	2	2
Registered Nurses <b>HOT JOB</b>	28	85.7%	14	9
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	28	96.4%	7	5
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	26	92.3%	10	6
Cargo and Freight Agents	23	13.0%	4	2
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	22	33.3%	11	6
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria <b>AGIA</b>	21	42.9%	7	7
General and Operations Managers	21	23.8%	12	10
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	21	0.0%	6	2
File Clerks <b>AGIA</b>	20	70.0%	1	0

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	63	9.5%	3	3
Construction	43	2.3%	13	4
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	258	32.2%	48	27
Information	43	48.8%	14	7
Financial Activities	109	32.1%	35	28
Professional and Business Services	62	62.9%	27	20
Educational and Health Services	446	63.9%	150	108
Leisure and Hospitality	26	46.2%	14	13
State Government	72	66.7%	35	20
Local Government	338	47.5%	149	100
Other	10	60.0%	3	0
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	58	60	66	65

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Maniilaq Association Inc
Northwest Arctic Borough School
AK Commercial Co
Kotzebue City of
Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corp
Teck Cominco Alaska Inc
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Kotzebue IRA Council
NW Inupiat Housing Authority
Nana Management Services LLC

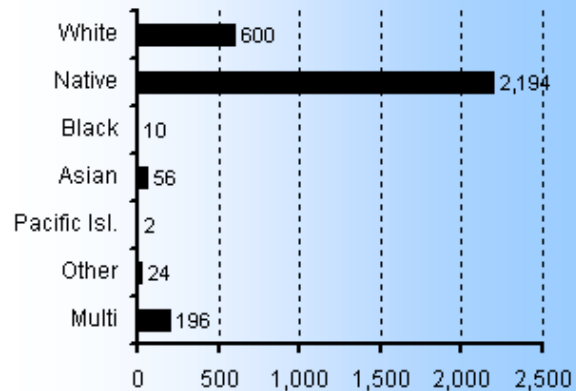
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

Median Age	25.9
Average Family Size	3.9
Average Household Size	3.4
Per Capita Income	\$18,289
Median Family Income	\$58,068
Median Household Income	\$57,163

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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